

PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING NET NEUTRALITY

The United States government created the internet via publicly funded research. Initially, this project was for the development of an intranet to be used by the military to communicate between its many computers. Through many publicly funded studies and subsidizing grants, we eventually created a feasible communications platform and passed a public law, releasing the government's intellectual property rights to our creation. The idea was to set the platform free for development of better platforms that would enhance the public use of the Internet.

Today, the Internet is exactly like the power lines that bring electricity to our homes, the pipelines that bring natural gas to us and the water mains that send water to our houses. The Internet is a public utility which we all depend on.

The American people, collectively, own the technology by which the Internet operates. We should not allow any company or companies to commercialize the use of the Internet pipeline. It would be equivalent to allowing some trucking companies to monopolize the left lane of each federal highway we own. We all are equally entitled to share the nation's roads, and the same should be true of the Internet, as well.

Keep the net neutral.

Sincerely,

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